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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

YUTAKA TAKANO, ET AL.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, please amend the above-identified application
as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following new paragraph on page 1 after line 3, before line

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